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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, and for correctly allowing Claims 33-41 and indicating the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 31 and 32. Claim 28 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 31, which has been cancelled. Claim 32 has been amended for consistency therewith. Claims 17-27 are also being cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof. Also, a copy of Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 015, no. 219 which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 9, 2000 is enclosed herewith as requested by the Examiner for consideration.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

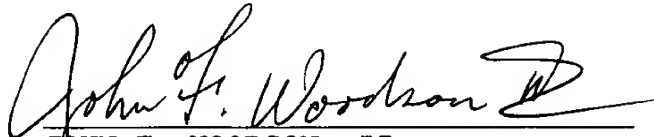
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